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Duty Norms for Pilots
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to come out with duty norms to prevent fatigued pilots from flying, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has observed that pilots of private airlines operated flights exceeding flight duty period as laid down in civil aviation requirements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DGCA had some years ago decided to end all dispensations given to airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) DGCA"s Civil Aviation Requirement Section 7, Series J, Part III clearly stipulates norms for fatigue management of flight crew.;

(b) Yes, Madam. During surveillance carried out by DGCA"s team in 2016, it was observed that a total of 99 pilots of private airlines, operated flights exceeding flight duty period as laid down in Civil Aviation Requirements. The airline - wise details of FDTL violation are as follows:;
SpiceJet 64;
Jet Airways 27;
Air Pegasus 06;
True Jet 02;

(c) & (d) No such decision has been taken by DGCA. FDTL scheme of all the operators is approved under the provision of CAR on FDTL.